

REMARKS

Claims 1-3,6, 15, 22, 24-27,33, 37-39, 42-43, and 45-56 remain pending after amendment.

Claim Amendments

By this amendment, claims 22 and 46 are amended to delete the word “prophylaxis”. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 1-3, 6, 15, 37-39, 42, 43 and 45. However, applicants believe that claims 27, 33 and 56 should also be indicated as being allowable in view of the allowance of those claims depending therefrom and the absence of the citation of any prior art against these claims.

Rejection under 35 USC 112 (paragraph one)

Claims 22-27, 33 and 46-55 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 (paragraph one) as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The Examiner focuses upon the use of the term “prophylaxis” of IBD. This rejection respectfully is traversed.

Initially, as noted above, it is believed that claims 27, 33 and 56 are inadvertently included within the listing of the rejected claims, and should instead be indicated as being allowable.

Further, independent method claims 22 and 46 are amended to delete reference to the word "prophylaxis". The rejection is thus believed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact James W. Hellwege (Reg. No. 28,808) at (703) 205-8000 to discuss such matters.

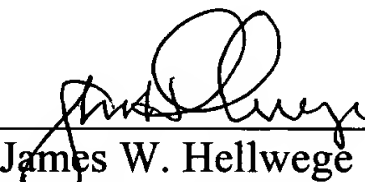
Applicant respectfully petitions under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) and 1.17 for a second one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Official Action. The Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$310.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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